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Remarks

The applicant argues that **Blanquer** does not teach “each server comprising a scheduler module which is independent for each server” as recited in claim **1**. The examiner cited **Blanquer** because **Blanquer**’s scheduler schedules flows separately for each scheduler and it would not place the claim in condition for allowance due to the obviousness between centralized (**Blanquer**) versus decentralized (**claimed**) schedulers for similar purpose of independently scheduling each server accordingly.

The applicant further argues that neither **Blanquer** nor **Nemirovsky** teach “plurality of servers being associated with a respective one of the plurality of resources.” First, “resources” is not clearly defined in the claim language as to what the “resources” perform. Further, the “queue dedicated to one or a set of resources” wherein when the “resources” of **Nemirovsky** are implemented in between the output ports and destinations (e.g. structurally via the resources) of **Blanquer**, they serve similar purpose of prioritized scheduling since the priority of each stream determines instant access to “resources” (**Nemirovsky** [0037]).

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